

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Norman Ernest Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa, and received a bachelor of

science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1937; and

WHEREAS:

After receiving his degree, Borlaug started work with the U.S. Forestry Service at stations located

in Massachusetts and Idaho; and

WHEREAS:

After returning to Minnesota, Borlaug received a master's degree in 1939 and a doctorate in 1942, in

plant pathology from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS:

Norman Borlaug was a varsity wrestler at the University of Minnesota. Through exhibition matches, he helped introduce the sport to high schools throughout Minnesota and refereed the

Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament; and

WHEREAS:

In 1944, Borlaug accepted an appointment as Geneticist and Plant Pathologist to organize and direct the Cooperative Wheat Research and Production Program in Mexico. This appointment allowed him to be involved in scientific research in genetics and for the next 16 years, he was extremely successful in finding a high-yielding, short-strawed, disease-resistant wheat; and

WHEREAS:

Borlaug's agriculture research in Mexico improved crop management practices and transformed

agricultural production in Mexico, Latin America, and Asia; and

WHEREAS:

In 1970, Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifetime work in agriculture, which has resulted in saving millions of human lives by preventing famine and

alleviating hunger and malnutrition; and

WHEREAS:

Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug is one of only five people in the world to receive the Congressional

Gold Medal, Nobel Peace Prize, and Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

WHEREAS:

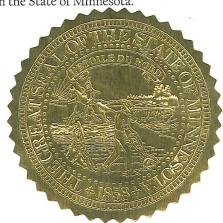
Dr. Borlaug continued his service to humanity into his  $95^{th}$  year, and his legacy will live on as an inspiration to young people, a reminder of the importance of agricultural production, and a model

of the significance food plays in ensuring world peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2012 as:

## DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE